

# Benefield Parish Council

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Benefield Parish Council are pleased to publish the Council's draft minutes.

Meeting held on **Monday 30th October** at the Benefield Village Hall.

Meeting commenced at **18:30** and completed the following business:

**This was a public meeting open to all. Meeting was recorded.**

## Minutes - Full Parish Council Meeting

- 30.10.01 To note attendance and approve apologies for absence  
**Apologies received form Cllr. Bullimore**  
**Apologies received form Cllr. Tarbuck**  
**Absent: Cllr Naylor**
- 30.10.02 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023  
**Approved.**
- 30.10.03 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only.  
**None.**
- 30.10.04 Members declaration of interest in items on the agenda  
**None.**
- 30.10.05 Public Participation Session  
Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting  
**No members of the public in attendance.**
- 30.10.06 Financial
- i Bank Account - NatWest update  
**Clerk contacted the bank to confirm change of address. No joy as Clerk not a signatory. Chairman & Cllr Shatford to contact bank to confirm change of address and request statements. Bank mandate for online banking signed and will be sent Clerk had delivered to Corby branch the mandate to change the address.**
  - ii Bank Statement  
**No Bank Statement received from bank (See above)**  
**Bank mandate to be signed and sent for online banking.**

## **Financial (Cont)**

- iii Accounts for payment
    - Benefield Village Hall £26.00**
    - Mowerman £374.40**
    - Clerk £96.40**
    - Npower £344.28**
  - iii(a) **It was noted that two £50 cheques had been delivered to Cllr Shatford for wreaths and for a bugler with regard to Remembrance dDay.**
  - iv Vat reclamation
    - Clerk attempted to submit claim. Delayed as bank statements need to be submitted.**
  - v Grass cutting rebate
    - Sent. £417.39p**
  - vi Neighbourhood watch signage.
    - Sorted by PLR at no cost to Parish Council**
- 30.10.07 PLR Report
- To include Neighbourhood Watch report
- Steve Linford the Parish Council PLR delivered a fulsome report.**
- i **Police numbers up 1500 in Northamptonshire**
  - ii **Chief Police Constable to be invited if & when he is back in post**
  - iii **First County in the UK to have Police officers visit all burglaries**  
**34% reduction in reported burglaries**
  - iv **Police budget currently £169 million in Northants (include £30million fire budget)**
  - v **Police priorities: road safety, , burglary, , drugs. Locally Rural crime/vehicle crime**
  - vi **PLR noted he visits/contacts victims of crime here in Benefield.**
  - vii **Cllr Shatford asked if PLR can contact traffic to collect data of speeds through the villages. PLR agreed to pursue this.**
  - viii **Generally agreed that speeding is the absolute priority and investment may be needed. Data dump from current installations needed.**
- Addenda to Financial report.**
- Cllr Shatford proposed that he & the Clerk formulate next years budget for presentation at the next meeting.**
- Cllr Shatford proposed that if possible the precept is held at this year's level.**
- This was unanimously agreed.**
- 30.10.08 Planning.
- i Current Planning Applications.
    - No new planning applicationss for Benefields.**
- 30.10.09 War Memorial update
- Clerk informed that planning require a pre-planning cost. Cllr Shatford/Cllr Groom to look at this.**

- 30.10.10 Defibrillator- decision  
**Cricket club to progress this issue, no longer needs to be an agenda issue.**
- 30.10.11 Traffic calming - update  
**Clerk forwarded costs to Chairman and vice Chairman.**  
**Hard data evidence to be collected then decision to either update current signs or add new signs.**
- 30.10.12 Village hall sign- progress  
**Cllr Pridmore attended village hall meeting. No progress.**  
**Removed for future agendas until costs submitted.**
- 30.10.13 Parish Council Website- progress  
**Clerk educating himself on Wordpress. No further action needed.**
- 30.10.14 Gates between Upper & Lower - update  
**No action as yet. Clerk to progress.**
- 30.10.15 Remembrance Day update  
**Sorted - See Financial iii(a)**
- 30.10.16 Residents/Incoming correspondence
- i **Letter from Planning outlining working hours/security lighting at new Crouch facility on the Weldon Road. Reply fully acceptable.**
  - ii **Letter from Tom Purseglove outlining grants for community assets. To be passed on to Church Hall committee for action if needed.**
  - iii **Fulsome praise from resident thanking the Parish council for the cutting of verge opposite his property. Contractor to be asked to include full cutting of verge in next years quote.**
- 30.10.17 Future agenda items/business for future meetings.  
**Budget presentation.**  
**Clerk to formulate agenda for approval.**
- 30.10.18 Proposed date of next full meeting  
**Monday 11.12.2023**

**Meeting closed at 19:30**

Peter Bullock  
Clerk to Benefield Council

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